Ministry of Home Affairs, who deal with this subject, have intimated that they have not issued any instructions/ guidelines regarding the display of portraits/photographs of national leaders including the President and the Prime Minister of India. The matter has been left to the Heads of Departments to decide whether they should at all exhibit any portraits/photographs in the office premises/rooms and, if so, of which particular leader so as to ensure that no controversy arises out of the display of any of these portraits.

[Translation]

National Policy on Food Processing

1779. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA :
SHRI G.R. SARODE :
SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the national policy on food processing has not yet been finalised;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to review the policy on deep sea fishing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) and (b) The Food Processing Industry is being developed within the broad para-meters of the Industrial Policy of the Government. A framework for developing the new policy measures to address various issues for accelerated development of Food Processing Industries has been prepared which was discussed with the State Government representatives. Action has been initiated for pursuing it further.

(c) and (d) On the recommendations of the Review Committee, the New Deep Sea Fishing Policy of 1991 has been rescinded whereas charter policies are already being phased out. Action has also been initiated to formulate a new deep sea fishing policy.

[English]

Freight Equalisation System

1780. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that freight equalisation system in the Railways has been introduced all over the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railway freight per tonne of steel is Rs. 1900/- of any steel factory in the Eastern region states and only Rs. 900 per tonne in Maharashtra and Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to remove these discrepencies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected.

Supply of High Range Computers

1781. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR :
SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA :
DR. ASIM BALA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Foreign Investment Promotion Board has approved M/s Cray Research of USA for supply of high range computers for weather forecast;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for not approving an indigenous company; and

(c) the policy of the Government to promote indigenous industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) has only approved the proposal of M/s. Cray Research Inc., U.S.A. for setting up a 100% subsidiary in India with an investment of Rs. 35 lakhs for, inter-alia, providing hardware and software support to its customers and for promoting its products and services.

(c) Policy measures taken by the Government to boost electronics industry in the country are given in the enclosed Statement. Apart from these, with the support of Government, High Performance Computers have been developed indigenously at a number of Governmental organisations which are being used. These developments are intended to be encouraged through appropriate policy measures.

Statement

Policy measurs taken to boost the growth of Electronics Industry in the country

(i) Policy initiatives like exemption from locational limitations, abolition of licensing, abolition of phased manufacturing programme and amendment to the MRTP Act to facilitate investments.